



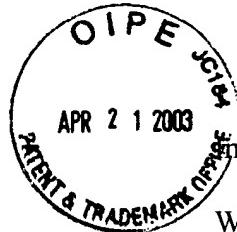
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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

WILLIAM L. TREPICCHIO, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/852,400

Filed: May 9, 2001

For: COMPOSITIONS, KITS, AND METHODS FOR IDENTIFICATION, ASSESSMENT, PREVENTION, AND THERAPY OF PSORIASIS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Eaminer: Ethan C. Whisenant

Group Art Unit: 1634

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action dated March 11, 2003 (Paper No. 12) in the above-identified application, as follows.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on

April 11, 2003
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Signature

April 11, 2003

REMARKS

As an initial matter, the undersigned wishes to acknowledge gratefully the courtesy and assistance provided during the Examiner's telephonic interview. In that Interview, and as set forth in the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner noted Applicants' prior election of Group II but notes that the provision election/restriction requirement also required election of a single marker for prosecution. In response, Applicants hereby elect squamous cell carcinoma antigen 2 (Table 2, specification page 79, at line 10).

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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